

WE CLAIM:

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1. A pallet for supporting a load of packages comprising multiple layers, said pallet comprising:
- a) a support structure comprising flexible film wrapped around at least one of said multiple layers around a first axis and a second axis, said first axis being generally perpendicular to said second axis, whereby said flexible film covers at least a majority of said at least one of said multiple layers; and
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- b) a base adhered to said flexible film which is adapted to receive forks of a forklift.
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2. The pallet of claim 1 wherein said at least one of said multiple layers is the lowermost layer of said load.
3. The pallet of claim 1 wherein said first axis and said second axis are located on the same plane.
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4. The pallet of claim 1 wherein said flexible film and said base are constructed from disposable/recyclable materials.
5. The pallet of claim 1 wherein said base is comprised of multiple pieces of lightweight material.
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6. The pallet of claim 5 wherein said lightweight material is plastic foam.
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7. The pallet of claim 1 wherein the total surface area of said base is between about 25 and 40% of the total surface area of a bottom surface of said at least one of said multiple layers.

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8. A method for producing a pallet for supporting a load of packages comprising multiple layers, said method comprising:
- a) wrapping at least one of said multiple layers with a flexible film around a first axis;
 - b) wrapping said at least one of said multiple layers with a flexible film around a second axis which is generally perpendicular to said first axis;
 - c) adhering a base to said flexible film.

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9. The method of claim 7 wherein said at least one of said multiple layers is the lowermost layer of said load.

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10. The method of claim 7 wherein said first axis and said second axis are located on the same plane.

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11. The method of claim 7 wherein the step of adhering a base to said flexible film comprises:
- a) providing at least one plastic foam piece which is not fully cured;
 - b) pressing said at least one plastic foam piece onto said flexible film; and
 - c) allowing said at least one plastic foam pieces to fully cure, thereby causing said at least one plastic foam piece to adhere to said flexible film.

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12. The method of claim 7 wherein the step of adhering a base to said flexible film comprises:

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- a) providing at least one plastic foam piece having a first surface;
 - b) heating said first surface of said at least one plastic foam piece so that said first surface is tacky;
 - c) pressing said first surface of said at least one plastic foam piece onto said flexible film; and
 - d) allowing said first surface of said at least one plastic foam piece to cool down, thereby causing said at least one plastic foam piece to adhere to said flexible film.

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13. A pallet for supporting a load of packages comprising multiple layers, said pallet comprising:

- includes a layer of
- a) support means for supporting said load of packages, said support means comprising flexible film wrapped around at least one of said multiple layers around a first axis and a second axis, said first axis being generally perpendicular to said second axis, whereby said flexible film covers at least a majority of said at least one of said multiple layers; and
 - b) base means adhered to said support means for receiving forks of a forklift.
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